

Inclusion of Defence studies in the CBSE Curriculum

290. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to include defence studies in the Curriculum of Central Board of Secondary Education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether defence experts are disagreeing with the idea of introducing the subject in the curriculum; and
- (d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Central Board of Secondary Education, an autonomous organisation, has informed that based on a proposal received from the Directorate of NCC, the Board has decided to introduce the course entitled 'Defence Studies' in its Curriculum as an elective subject at Senior Secondary level. The study of the proposed Course comprising of components like NCC, Military History and Defence Studies would help the students studying in CBSE-affiliated schools to get admission in the Under Graduate Courses like Military Science, Military Studies and Strategic Studies being run in several Indian Universities and also to pursue a career in the field of Defence.

(c) No such information is available with the CBSE. However, the Advisory Committee constituted by the Board to work out the modalities of the Course include the experts drawn from the Directorate of NCC, Universities and the Principals of Sainik School, CRPF School. The CBSE has also been advised to consult National Defence Academy and other related organisations while working out the modalities of the Course.

(d) Does not arise.